



**SAN ANTONIO**

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### ***National Night Out – Lighting Ceremony***

**WHO:** San Antonio Police Department

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** East Side Steps of City Hall

**CONTACT:** Officer David Snow  
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On Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m., Mayor Phil Hardberger will throw the switch at the Lighting Ceremony which represents the first lighting for this year's National Night Out.

City Council members and officials from SAPD will be in attendance as Mayor Hardberger and McGruff the Crime Dog kick off the day's activities.

Tuesday evening, San Antonians are encouraged to join millions of people around the world in turning on their porch lights and joining their neighbors in giving crime a "going away party." From 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. several neighborhoods will host a variety of special events to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests and anti-crime rallies. Thousands of San Antonians will be joining their neighbors and letting criminals know that crime will not be tolerated in their neighborhoods.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community interaction; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods nationwide are organized and fighting back.

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